

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-49. (Cancelled).

50. (Amended) A method in a User Equipment (UE) for initiating a data transfer from the UE in a Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS) terrestrial radio access network (UTRAN), wherein the UTRAN comprises at least one Radio Network Controller (RNC) connectable to the UE that is capable of being in the states UTRAN Registration Area Paging Channel (URA PCH), Cell Paging Channel (CELL PCH) or Cell Dynamic Host Configuration (CELL DCH), said method comprising the steps of:

introducing delay reducing information into a data transfer initiating message by the UE, wherein the data transfer initiating message is an uplink cell update message transmitted by the UE and wherein the delay reducing information comprises information indicating whether the traffic volume of the data to be transmitted is above a pre-configured threshold;

transmitting the data transfer initiating message by the UE; and,

receiving a message from the RNC comprising information for transferring the UE from the URA PCH or the CELL PCH state directly to the CELL DCH state ~~by means of the delay reducing information in the data transfer initiating message.~~

51-52. (Cancelled).

53. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 50, wherein the delay reducing information further comprises information whether the data to be transmitted is available on a user bearer or on a signalling bearer.

54. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 50, wherein the delay reducing information is indicated in an extension of the cell update message.

55. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 54, wherein the extension comprises at least one dedicated flag.

56. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 50, wherein the extension comprises currently reserved code points comprising spare values in the existing cell update message.

57. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 50, wherein the step of receiving a message from the RNC comprises the steps of:

receiving a cell update confirm message from the RNC; and,
transmitting a Radio Bearer configuration complete message to the RNC.

58-66. (Cancelled)

67. (Currently Amended) A User Equipment (UE) connectable to a Radio Network Controller (RNC) in a Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS) network, wherein the UE is capable of being in the states UTRAN Registration Area Paging Channel (URA PCH), Cell Paging Channel (CELL PCH), Cell Forward Access Channel (CELL FACH) or Cell Dynamic Host Configuration (CELL DCH), comprising:

means for handling a data transfer initiating message, comprising:

means for introducing delay reducing information in a data transfer initiating message, wherein the data transfer initiating message is an uplink cell update message transmitted by the UE and wherein the delay reducing information comprises information indicating whether the traffic volume of the data to be transmitted is above a pre-configured threshold;

a transmitter for transmitting the data transfer initiating message; and,

a receiver for receiving a message from the RNC comprising information for transferring the UE from the URA PCH or the CELL PCH state directly to the CELL DCH state by means of the delay reducing information in the data transfer initiating message.

68-69. (Cancelled).

70. (Previously Presented) The UE according to claim 67, wherein the delay reducing information further comprises information whether the data to be transmitted is available on a user bearer or on a signalling bearer.

71. (Previously Presented) The UE according to claim 67, wherein the delay reducing information is indicated in an extension of the cell update message.

72. (Previously Presented) The UE according to claim 71, wherein the extension comprises at least one dedicated flag.

73. (Previously Presented) The UE according to claim 67, wherein the extension comprises currently reserved code points comprising spare values in the existing cell update message.

74. (Previously Presented) The UE according to claim 67, wherein the receiver for receiving a message from the RNC further comprises means for receiving a cell update confirm message from the RNC, and means for transmitting a Radio Bearer configuration complete message to the RNC.

75. (Previously Presented) The UE according to claim 67, wherein the data transfer initiating message is a downlink paging message transmitted by the RNC.

76. (Previously Presented) The UE according to claim 67, wherein the delay reducing information comprises any of the information parameters: physical and transport channel configuration parameters, code allocation and radio bearer configuration, and the identity parameter U-RNTI.

77. (Previously Presented) The UE according to claim 76, wherein the delay reducing information further comprises at least an uplink Dedicated Physical CHannel

(DPCH) related information, downlink DPCH related information, downlink radio link related information, power control configurations or potential high speed downlink shared channel (HS-DSCH) configurations.

78. (Previously Presented) The UE according to claim 75, wherein the delay reducing information is indicated in an extension of the paging message.

79. (Previously Presented) The UE according to claim 78, wherein the delay reducing information is indicated in the extension explicitly.

80. (Previously Presented) The UE according to claim 78, wherein the delay reducing information is indicated in the extension by means of a pointer to a previously transmitted downlink message, wherein the previously transmitted downlink message comprises the delay reducing information.

81. (Previously Presented) The UE according to claim 75, wherein the transmitter comprises means for transmitting a Radio Bearer re-configuration complete message from the UE.

82-98. (Cancelled).

99. (New) A method in a radio network controller (RNC) connectable to a Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS) network and to a User Equipment (UE), wherein the UE is capable of being in the states UTRAN Registration Area Paging Channel (URA_PCH) Cell Paging Channel (CELL_PCH), Cell Forward Access Channel (CELL_FACH) or Cell Dynamic Host Configuration (CELL_DCH), the method comprising the steps of:

receiving, from the UE, an uplink cell update message comprising information whether the traffic volume of the data to be transmitted is above a pre-configured threshold; and,

responsive to determining that the traffic volume of the data to be transmitted is above the pre-configured threshold, sending a message to the UE comprising information for transferring the UE from the URA_PCH or the CELL_PCH state directly to the CELL_DCH state.

100. (New) The method according to claim 50, wherein said message from the RNC comprising information for transferring the UE from the URA PCH or the CELL PCH state directly to the CELL DCH state is responsive to said RNC receiving an uplink cell update message from said UE indicating that said traffic volume of the data to be transmitted is above said pre-configured threshold.

101. (New) The UE according to claim 67, wherein said message from the RNC comprising information for transferring the UE from the URA PCH or the CELL PCH state directly to the CELL DCH state is responsive to said RNC receiving an uplink cell update message from said UE indicating that said traffic volume of the data to be transmitted is above said pre-configured threshold.

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